Britain. Fortunately for us in this small State, there is perfect unanimity amongst all sections of the people as to what should be our duty in this grave hour of crisis. The splendid response made by representative leaders at the recent war meeting has demonstrated beyond doubt the attitude of the people of this State.

16. I hope that, as a result of the efforts of the War Committee that has been set up, the maximum possible help will be given by the Government and the people of this State. I would ask honourable members to realise the striking contrast between the state of affairs today in this small State and the state of affairs that prevails in many countries of the world. While most of the governments of the world, including the Government of India, are faced with the problems of deficit budgets and crushing additional taxation, we in this small State are actually enjoying the luxury of a surplus budget without a single pie of additional taxation. Let us not forget that this is entirely due to the fact that we do not stand as an isolated unit in the world but as the component part of a mighty commonwealth of nations. At least as a measure of gratitude for the immunity that we thus enjoy, let us give cheerfully and liberally for the cause which is as much ours as it is Britain's. This is not the time for indulging in constitutional disquisition or political recrimination. There is no reason either to doubt or despair about the future of our country. In the new-world-order that will emerge out of this turmoil, I can see clearly in my vision a free and self-governing Dominion of India. Let us shoulder the mighty task that lies ahead of us in that hope and faith, and let us not be daunted by any fears or doubts. "If hopes are dupes, then fears may be liars."

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PANEL OF CHAIRMEN—ANNOUNCEMENT OF

Mr. President: I have to announce to the House that I have nominated Mr. T. P. Poulose and Mr. P. Govinda Menon to the Panel of Chairmen for this Session.

CONDOLENCE MOTIONS

***Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, I beg to move the following condolence motions.—

(1) *This House places on record its deep sense of sorrow on the sudden and sad demise of Mr. K. P. Vallon, for a long time a non-official member of this House.*

*Speech not corrected by the hon'ble member.